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By Senator Delvin

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1 AN ACT Relating to exempting certain proprietary information from
2 disclosure under the public records act; reenacting and amending RCW
3 42.56.270; and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.56.270 and 2007 c 470 s 2, 2007 c 251 s 13, and
6 2007 c 197 s 4 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 The following financial, commercial, and proprietary information is
8 exempt from disclosure under this chapter:

9 (1) Valuable formulae, designs, drawings, computer source code or
10 object code, and research data obtained by any agency within five years
11 of the request for disclosure when disclosure would produce private
12 gain and public loss;

13 (2) Financial information supplied by or on behalf of a person,
14 firm, or corporation for the purpose of qualifying to submit a bid or
15 proposal for (a) a ferry system construction or repair contract as
16 required by RCW 47.60.680 through 47.60.750 or (b) highway construction
17 or improvement as required by RCW 47.28.070;

18 (3) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by

1 private persons pertaining to export services provided under chapters
2 43.163 and 53.31 RCW, and by persons pertaining to export projects
3 under RCW 43.23.035;

4 (4) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by
5 businesses or individuals during application for loans or program
6 services provided by chapters (~~(15.110)~~) 43.325, 43.163, 43.160,
7 43.330, and 43.168 RCW, or during application for economic development
8 loans or program services provided by any local agency;

9 (5) Financial information, business plans, examination reports, and
10 any information produced or obtained in evaluating or examining a
11 business and industrial development corporation organized or seeking
12 certification under chapter 31.24 RCW;

13 (6) Financial and commercial information supplied to the state
14 investment board by any person when the information relates to the
15 investment of public trust or retirement funds and when disclosure
16 would result in loss to such funds or in private loss to the providers
17 of this information;

18 (7) Financial and valuable trade information under RCW 51.36.120;

19 (8) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research
20 information and data submitted to or obtained by the clean Washington
21 center in applications for, or delivery of, program services under
22 chapter 70.95H RCW;

23 (9) Financial and commercial information requested by the public
24 stadium authority from any person or organization that leases or uses
25 the stadium and exhibition center as defined in RCW 36.102.010;

26 (10)(a) Financial information, including but not limited to account
27 numbers and values, and other identification numbers supplied by or on
28 behalf of a person, firm, corporation, limited liability company,
29 partnership, or other entity related to an application for a horse
30 racing license submitted pursuant to RCW 67.16.260(1)(b), liquor
31 license, gambling license, or lottery retail license;

32 (b) Independent auditors' reports and financial statements of
33 house-banked social card game licensees required by the gambling
34 commission pursuant to rules adopted under chapter 9.46 RCW;

35 (c) Proprietary information including leases, contracts, and
36 internal control documents of licensees required by the gambling
37 commission. However, when the gambling commission receives a request

1 for disclosure of any of these documents, the commission shall notify
2 the person who is the subject of the request and the commission may
3 release the records only if the person consents to the release;

4 (11) Proprietary data, trade secrets, or other information that
5 relates to: (a) A vendor's unique methods of conducting business; (b)
6 data unique to the product or services of the vendor; or (c)
7 determining prices or rates to be charged for services, submitted by
8 any vendor to the department of social and health services for purposes
9 of the development, acquisition, or implementation of state purchased
10 health care as defined in RCW 41.05.011;

11 (12)(a) When supplied to and in the records of the department of
12 community, trade, and economic development:

13 (i) Financial and proprietary information collected from any person
14 and provided to the department of community, trade, and economic
15 development pursuant to RCW 43.330.050(8) (~~and 43.330.080(4)~~); and

16 (ii) Financial or proprietary information collected from any person
17 and provided to the department of community, trade, and economic
18 development or the office of the governor in connection with the
19 siting, recruitment, expansion, retention, or relocation of that
20 person's business and until a siting decision is made, identifying
21 information of any person supplying information under this subsection
22 and the locations being considered for siting, relocation, or expansion
23 of a business;

24 (b) When developed by the department of community, trade, and
25 economic development based on information as described in (a)(i) of
26 this subsection, any work product is not exempt from disclosure;

27 (c) For the purposes of this subsection, "siting decision" means
28 the decision to acquire or not to acquire a site;

29 (d) If there is no written contact for a period of sixty days to
30 the department of community, trade, and economic development from a
31 person connected with siting, recruitment, expansion, retention, or
32 relocation of that person's business, information described in (a)(ii)
33 of this subsection will be available to the public under this chapter;

34 (13) Financial and proprietary information submitted to or obtained
35 by the department of ecology or the authority created under chapter
36 70.95N RCW to implement chapter 70.95N RCW;

37 (14) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research
38 information and data submitted to or obtained by the life sciences

1 discovery fund authority in applications for, or delivery of, grants
2 under chapter 43.350 RCW, to the extent that such information, if
3 revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in private loss to the
4 providers of this information;

5 (15) Financial and commercial information provided as evidence to
6 the department of licensing as required by RCW 19.112.110 or
7 19.112.120, except information disclosed in aggregate form that does
8 not permit the identification of information related to individual fuel
9 licensees;

10 (16) Any production records, mineral assessments, and trade secrets
11 submitted by a permit holder, mine operator, or landowner to the
12 department of natural resources under RCW 78.44.085;

13 (17)(a) Farm plans developed by conservation districts, unless
14 permission to release the farm plan is granted by the landowner or
15 operator who requested the plan, or the farm plan is used for the
16 application or issuance of a permit;

17 (b) Farm plans developed under chapter 90.48 RCW and not under the
18 federal clean water act, 33 U.S.C. Sec. 1251 et seq., are subject to
19 RCW 42.56.610 and 90.64.190;

20 (18) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research
21 information and data submitted to or obtained by a health sciences and
22 services authority in applications for, or delivery of, grants under
23 RCW 35.104.010 through 35.104.060, to the extent that such information,
24 if revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in private loss to
25 providers of this information; and

26 (19) Information gathered under chapter 19.85 RCW or RCW 34.05.328
27 that can be identified to a particular business.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act takes effect June 30,
29 2008.

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